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Dear Administrator:

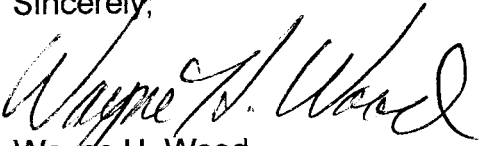
On behalf of the over 46,000 farmer members of the Michigan Farm Bureau, I appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments regarding the Lamb Promotion Research and Information Order – Docket Number LS-04-06 dated Friday, October 15 and on page 61159 of the Federal Register.

Michigan Farm Bureau policy supports the opportunity to develop programs which provide procedures permitting producers of any commodity to establish a program for product promotion, market development, information, research, product standards and inspection, determination of surpluses and producer assessments. Furthermore, we believe that these programs should include a producer referendum prior to implementation and that the program should be producer controlled. Additionally, our policy supports a domestic lamb promotion program.

It is important that the referendum procedures protect the voting rights and the confidentiality of individual producers and that they are uniform and encourage maximum participation. The minimum voting age should be 18 years old.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on these proposed rules.

Sincerely,

  
Wayne H. Wood  
President

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